Suspension of Scheduled Cast employees in Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi

855. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will tlie Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Scheduled Caste employees have been .suspended by the Management of Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur .Nursing Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi on 16th May, 1989; if so, what were the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Commissioner of SC and ST has received a letter dated 22nd June, 1989 from a Member of Parliament in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) yes Sir. Two group 'D' employees of this College have been suspended on 16th May, 1989. The suspension has been ordered on account of breach of discipline, misbehaviour, refusal to carry out the order of Superviser/ desertion of duty, trespass etc. on the part of said two employees. Incidentally, they belong to the SC community.

The Office of the Commissioner "for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has informed that no such letter has been received by them.

(c) Does not arise.

Defective AIDS Diagnostic Kits

856. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that test kits to detect AIDS which had been recalled from the European Market have been imported from West Germany;

(b) whether it is also a fact that defective- AIDS diagnostic kits have been supplied to Serum Institute of Pune, Red Cross and other institutes; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government to remove the defective kits and replace the same with standard kits in view of the damage that has been caused in the diagnosis, especially in the case of blood donors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b) Three batches of AIDS detecting kits manufactured by a German firm Behring were found defective and had been withdrawn from the European market.

45 kits belonging to these batches had been imported in India by M/s Hoechst (India) Ltd., Bombay. The firm sold these kits in the market after carrying $_0$nly visual checks and without informing that there might be any problem with the kits.

(c) Licence granted to M/s Hoechst (lndia) Ltd., B$_0$mbay for import of AIDS testing kits under the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules, has been cancelled. The following instructions have been issued to all the port officers:—

to check if the importers of AIDS kits possess certificate issued by the maiufacturing firm stating